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SUBJ: EVACUATION OF METHODIST MISSIONARIES FROM KAPANGA

1. METHODIST MISSIONARIES INFORMED CONSULATE FOLLOWING PEOPLE
FROM METHODIST MISSION HAVE LANDED IN KOLWEZI, HAVING BEEN EVACUATED
FROM KAPANGA BY MISSIONARY PILOTS ENRIGHT AND RADFORD:
LENA ESCHTRUTH, MARVIN WOLFORD, JEAN WOLFORD, GAYE RADFORD,
MYRTLE PRITCHARD, PRUDENCE KUERT, CHARLES VINSON, MR. PATRIKIOS
(GREEK CITIZEN), MS. METHE RASMUSSEN (DANISH CITIZEN).

2. CATHOLIC SISTER AT KAPANGA TOLD METHODISTS THAT THEY "ALMOST
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CERTAIN" CARLTON MAUGHLIN AND FRANK ANDERSON, METHODIST MISSIONARIES
AT SANDOA, FLED SANDOA TO TEXEIRA DE SOUSA WITH SOME CATHOLIC
SISTERS. DID NOT KNOW WHEN.

3. DR. ESCHTRUTH WAS REPORTEDLY TAKEN AWAY FROM KAPANGA BY
INVADERS APRIL 15-16 (SIMULTANEOUS TO ALLEGED FAZ BOMBING OF
KAPANGA). METHODISTS DO NOT KNOW WHEN ESCHTRUTH KILLED BUT SUS-

PECT IT WAS DURING THAT PERIOD. WOLFORD REPORTEDLY DROVE OUT
YESTERDAY TO AREA WHERE ESCHTRUTH HAD BEEN TAKEN AND DISCOVERED
THAT HE HAD BEEN KILLED. KEN ENRIGHT SENT RADIO MESSAGE TO EFFECT
ESCHTRUTH HAD BEEN ACCUSED BY INVADERS OF BEING CIA AGENT, OF
EXERCISING POWERFUL NEGATIVE INFLUENCE ON LOCAL POPULATION
BECAUSE HE A LUNDA TRIBAL CHIEF. COMMENT: DR. ESCHTRUTH WAS
IN FACT NAMED BY FORMER MWANT YAV AS MEMBER COUNCIL OF CHIEFS.
END COMMENT. ENRIGHT REPORTED HE IS ALSO TARGET LISTED FOR
ASSASSINATION BY INVADERS.

4. MISSIONARIES PLANNING TO SEND ANOTHER PLANE OR TWO INTO
KAPANGA TOMORROW TO EVACUATE SOME ZAIRIANS ANXIOUS TO LEAVE.
ACCORDING TO ENRIGHT, KAPANGA POPULATION NOW HOSTILE TO
INVADERS IN LIGHT OF WHAT HAS HAPPENED THERE DURING LAST MONTH.

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